

In the Specification:

The following specification amendments are presented as replacement paragraphs to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version, as set out in 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (a)(1). The changes are shown by strikethrough (for deleted matter) or underlining (for added matter).

Amend paragraph 19 as follows:

When the spa cover 34 is in an installed or closed position (not shown), the open perspective of the pivoting L-shaped shafts 28, 30 are opened generally in a forward and downward direction. As the spa cover removal mechanism 22 pivots toward a removed or open position 48, the horizontal portion 26 lifts the mid-section 32 of the cover 34 upward and rearward causing the cover 34 to fold upon itself and re-position adjacent to a rear side 50 of the spa 42, thus designating the fully open position 48 of the cover removal mechanism 22. When the spa cover 34 is in the open position 48, the open perspective of the L-shaped shafts 28, 30 are directed in a slightly upward and substantially forward direction. Thus, a substantially vertical and straight upper portion 52 of the shafts 28, 30 project upward at a slightly rearward angle to form into the horizontal portion 26, and ~~a~~ the substantially shorter horizontal lower portion ~~54~~ 36 projects forward to a common pivoting axis 56.

Amend paragraph 25 as follows:

Referring to Figure 2, the rigidity of the assembled flex rods 66, 68, cross member 78 and vertical spacer bars 88, 90 provide an ideal support structure for a surrounding screen or window-like enclosure 110 having a left panel draped downward from the left rod 66, a right panel 111 draped downward from the right rod 68 and a forward panel draped downward from the cross member 78. A rear panel is not required because of the curved orientation of the canopy 65 and flexed rods 66, 68 which slope downward toward the spa 42 and folded cover 34, thus providing a degree of privacy. Preferably, the panels are releasably attached to the canopy 65 by ~~velcro~~ VELCRO® (a hook-and-loop type fastener).